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REMARKS

Claims 35, 37-53 and 55-59 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. The rejected claims are accordingly amended, by the above claim amendments, and the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. The entered claim amendments are directed solely at overcoming the raised indefiniteness rejection(s) and are not directed at distinguishing the present invention from the art of record in this case.

The Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 31-33 are allowed while claims 35, 37-53 and 55-59 would be allowable if appropriately amended. In accordance with this indication, all of the rejected claims are suitable amended, by the above claim amendments, and those amended claims are now believed to be allowable as well.

In addition, notwithstanding this indicated allowance of claim 31, that independent claim is slightly revised to provide consistency with the remaining claims but it is respectfully submitted that such amendment to claim 31 does not, in any way, affect the allowability of that claim.

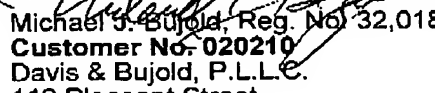
If any further amendment to this application is believed necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable form, the Examiner is courteously solicited to contact the undersigned representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the raised rejections should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

In the event that there are any fee deficiencies or additional fees are payable, please charge the same or credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account (Account No. 04-0213).

Respectfully submitted,


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